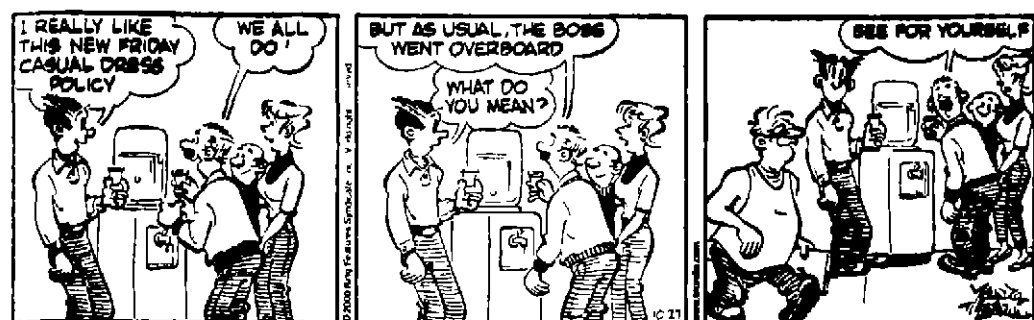


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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



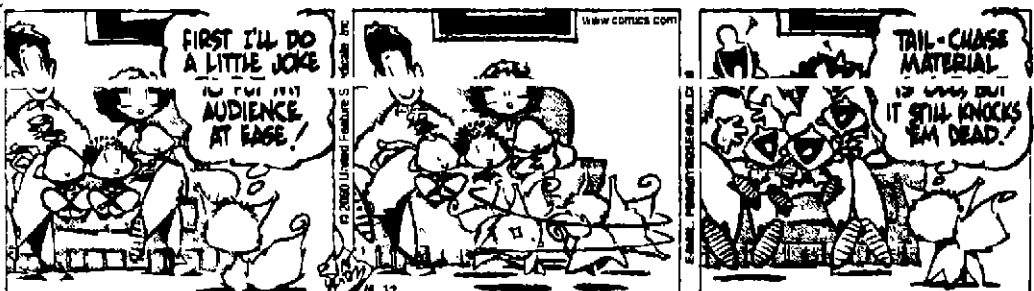
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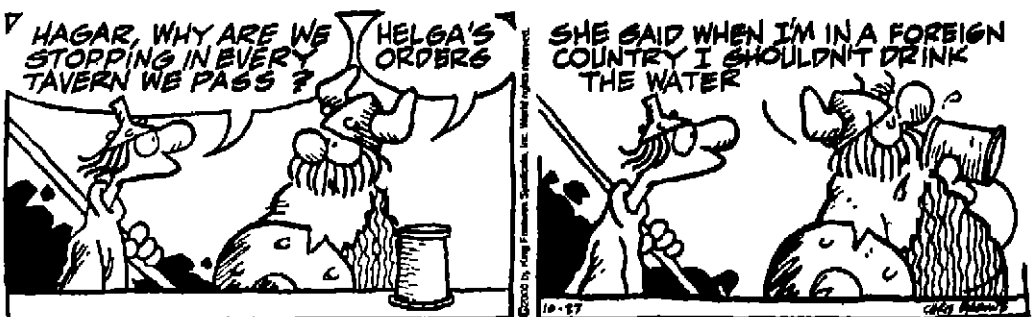
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ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



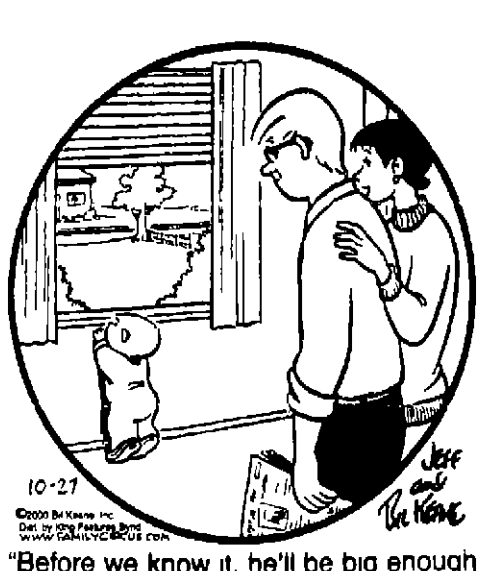
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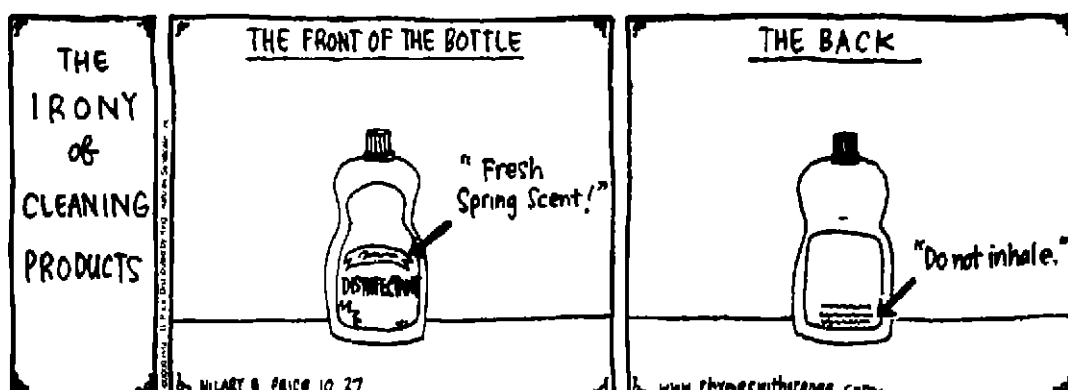
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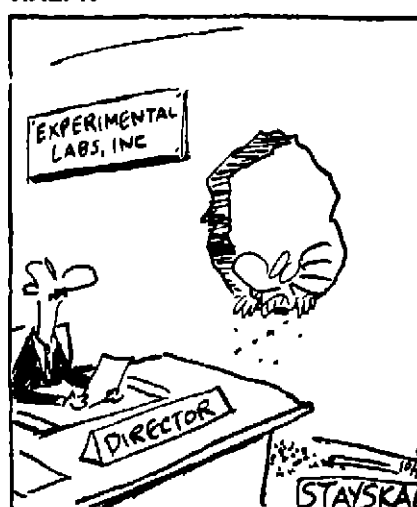
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Teresa Wright is 82
Actress Nanette Fabray is 80
Baseball Hall-of-Famer and sportscaster Ralph Kiner is 78
Country singer Les Greenwald is 58.
Actress Carrie Snodgrass is 54.
Country singer-musician Jack Daniels (Highway 101) is 51.
Rock musician Gary Tallent (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 51.
Author Fran Lebowitz is 50.

I NEED HELP



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PAR SCORE 130-140
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. Blanks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDG'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10/27/00

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

TOTAL

MIGDBYWTRPMKIFP
DBYWUSESQSOMKOI
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LIHUFDMTMBELACRA
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EZYWCVOVESUU
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PNNOITARTNECNO

Thursday's unused clue ATHENS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unused clue hint: TOTAL - OF THE MOON

Area	Darkness	Loss	Recall
Blank	Defeat	Mass	Silence
Commitment	Fool	Number	Vacuum
Concentration	Indifference	Population	

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For solution, see Classified

HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Oct. 28, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Put that excess energy to good use by performing a useful community action.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Personal relationships are likely to be first and foremost on your mind.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) If you dole out criticism, be prepared to be on the receiving end of an evaluation.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Love and creativity suddenly take first priority once more.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Something from your past affects your present behavior.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Finally, you are able to communicate your true feelings to someone very special.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Be wary of making any major purchases while you are in such a spontaneous frame of mind.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Success comes in whatever form you want it to.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your behavior is skewed by some unconscious processes at work.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Make sure that you don't let sudden success go to your head.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You are disappointed when a truth reveals itself to be far less glorious than you had anticipated.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Try to center yourself during this period of change and re-evaluation.

AGES

By Sunday, 10/29/00

Opposite a passing partner, East's strategy had merit, especially the potential of leading the opponents to an abnormal spot for a poor result. South won his club ace, impulsively cashed his trump ace, and crossed to dummy's trump 10. A diamond to South's Jack knocked out West's ace, and West made an excellent play. Instead of leading a second club, West led another trump. This prevented a diamond ruff in dummy, and South had to lose a club, a heart and two diamonds for one down. South's barren dummy offered slight chances for success. However, South should have made the game. At trick two, South should cross to dummy's trump 10 to finesse in diamonds. West wins, but neither a trump return nor a club continuation would hurt South. If West leads clubs, East wins and leads a third club, ruffed by South. After cashing his diamond king and ruffing a diamond, South draws trumps and claims 10 winners. If West leads a trump instead, South wins and establishes diamonds. Then he can afford to ruff either a club or a heart and draw trumps to claim the same 10 winners. Too bad South missed his opportunity.

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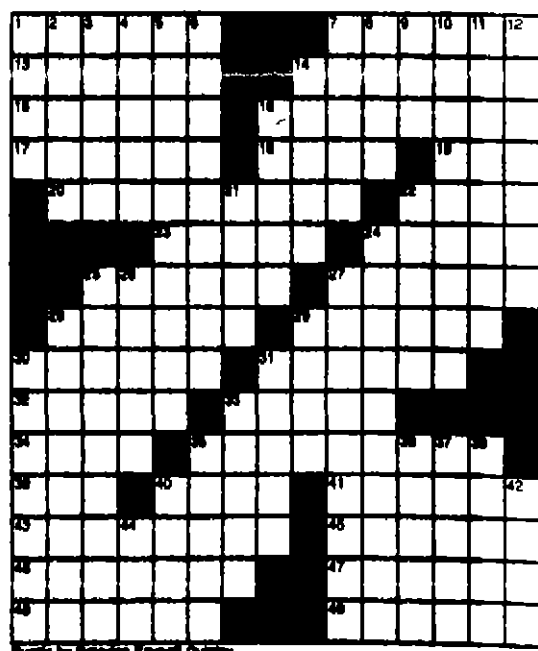
- Persian War participant
- It may take a beating
- Pillars of the community
- Film critic Kael
- Wind god
- Like some stomachs
- Rattle of a sort
- National competitor
- Claustrophobic patient's dread
- Siren
- Make snaps, say
- Sled parts
- Comparatively cockeyed
- Mass communication?
- Flu symptom
- It's a wrap
- Playground equipment
- Swallow
- Like some pie crusts
- It- (computer routines)
- Popular supermarket tabloid
- "... sorry"
- Desire in the office?
- Mathematician Lovelace

DOWN

- Place vulnerable to ripping
- They're entered in court
- Like loads
- Become less gripping?
- Gas station plaza
- Attacker
- It holds water
- Cause of some spinning wheels
- Philip Roth's "... the Fanatic"
- Sent flying?
- Does some shoal searching?
- "The Alchemist" painter
- Makes concrete?
- Malicious
- Punch

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

INANE APOP BIKIE
NONEY GIMI OMEL
ATTIC STINGRAVE
WEIGHSTATION
ESCHEW SONATIAS
DEEP NEGATIA
MVS AGES BASIA
WHATSTHEWAYITIS
ANGY OVAL NEA
REUNED SWIL
SWEEPER GASSIED
CURDSANDWHEY
AUTOPILLOT LEARN
OPAL DIDO EDDIE
KIND EBAN REYES



Made by Brenda Knapp Ogden

- One given away
- Sancere and Sylvaner
- Teers
- Memorable 1999 hurricane
- 19th hole
- It's full of 28-Down
- See 28-Down
- Prominent 1998 Bush campaign adviser
- Like some pie crusts
- Subjects of rations
- Country singer Carter
- Small fford
- It may have a blade
- "Psycho" co-star, 1998
- Ran
- Believe
- Early evictes

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